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Chapter 94 VEHICLES FOR HIRE*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

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ARTICLE II. TAXICABS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 94-31. Passengers.

No driver or owner of an in-service taxicab shall refuse or neglect to convey any orderly person upon request by signal or telephone call unless the taxicab is previously engaged. When a taxicab has been engaged by a passenger, no additional passengers shall be received except with the express consent of the first passenger. No person other than passengers for hire, except employees or members of the immediate family of any person licensed under this article to engage in the business of operating a taxicab, shall be transported in the taxicab.

(Code 1971, ? 7.78)

Sec. 94-32. Rules and regulations.

The council shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations regarding the dress and conduct of drivers, the maintenance and marking of taxicabs, as may be necessary in the interest of providing safe and orderly service to passengers; and no person shall fail to comply with any such rule or regulations. The council may require periodic reports to be submitted by operators and drivers in order to assist in the enforcement of such rules and regulations or the terms of this article.

(Code 1971, ? 7.79)

Secs. 94-33--94-55. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. LICENSE

Sec. 94-56. Required.

No person shall engage in the business of operating or causing to be operated any taxicab upon the streets, alleys or public ways of the city without having first obtained a license for each taxicab. No such license shall be granted except upon certification of the chief of police and upon approval of the council. Upon application made for any new taxicab license, as distinguished from any renewal,

the council shall first consider the question of whether public convenience and necessity require the operation of such taxicab. The council shall consider the number of taxicabs operating in the city and whether the additional taxicab service will result in a greater hazard to the public and such other relevant facts as the council may deem advisable. The judgment of the council on the question of public necessity and convenience shall be conclusive. The fee for such license shall be as prescribed in appendix A to this Code.

Sec. 94-57. Insurance.

- (a) Before any taxicab license is issued, the applicant shall furnish one or more policies of insurance, prepaid for at least the period of the license, issued by responsible insurance companies providing indemnity for the insured in the amounts specified in appendix A to this Code and agreeing to pay, within the limits of such amounts on behalf of the insured, all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon the insured by law, for damages because of bodily injury, including death, at any time resulting or for damages to property, or both, sustained by any person other than the employees of the insured and caused by accident and arising out of the ownership maintenance or use of the licensed taxicab.
- (b) The minimum amount of insurance coverage as to any one licensed taxicab shall comply with the provisions of appendix A to this Code.

(Code 1971, ? 7.69)

Sec. 94-58. Cancellation notice.

Every taxicab insurance policy shall contain a clause obligating the insurer or surety to give the city clerk, by registered mail, at least ten days' written notice before the cancellation, expiration, lapse or other termination of such insurance or bond or the withdrawal of surety from any such bond.

(Code 1971, ? 7.70)

Sec. 94-59. License transfers.

When the ownership of any taxicab shall change, whether by operation of law or otherwise, the taxicab license pertaining to such taxicab shall be automatically revoked. Any transfer of, or attempt to transfer, a taxicab license to any other person shall automatically revoke the license.

(Code 1971, ? 7.71)

Sec. 94-60. Transfer between vehicles.

The owner of any licensed taxicab who desires to transfer such license to another vehicle owned by him shall give notice to the city clerk.

(Code 1971, ? 7.72)

Sec. 94-61. Unused licenses.

In addition to the grounds for suspension and revocation of licenses in chapter 18, the fact that the owner shall cease to operate any taxicab for a period of 30 days without having obtained permission for cessation of such operation from the city shall constitute an automatic revocation of the license for such taxicab.

(Code 1971, ? 7.73)

Secs. 94-62--94-85. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. DRIVER PERMIT

Sec. 94-86. Required.

No person shall drive a taxicab on the streets of the city without first having obtained a taxicab driver permit. No such permit shall be granted except upon certification of the chief of police and unless a photograph and complete set of fingerprints of the applicant are on file in the noncriminal identification file of the police department. Two photographic pictures of each applicant shall be furnished at the time of application. The size and form of the permit shall be prescribed by the city clerk. The permit issued to a taxicab driver shall be conspicuously displayed on the inside of the taxicab operated by him so that it may be easily illuminated at night.

(Code 1971, ? 7.74)

Sec. 94-87. Physical examination.

Each applicant for a taxicab driver permit shall, at his own expense, be required to submit to a medical examination by a duly licensed physician of his own choosing; and the results of such examination shall be reduced to writing by such physician. Such report of examination signed by the physician shall be attached to the application for a taxicab driver permit.

(Code 1971, ? 7.75)

Sec. 94-88. Renewal.

Upon any application for a taxicab driver permit from a person who then holds such a permit, the physical examination required by section 94-87 shall not be required unless no such examination shall

have been had and a report furnished to the city for longer than two years immediately preceding such application.

(Code 1971, ? 7.76)

Sec. 94-89. Transfer.

No person having a taxicab driver permit shall allow any other person to use or attempt to use such permit for any purpose. No person shall use or have in his possession while operating a taxicab in the city any taxicab driver permit which has been issued to any other person.

(Code 1971, ? 7.77)